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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application. Additions to existing claims are identified by underlining. Deletions to existing claims are indicated by ~~striking through~~ or ~~[[double brackets]]~~.

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A method for connecting a call between a user and a plurality of parties using an electronic calendar system having a capacity to record, the method comprising:
establishing at least one event record corresponding to the call, the event record comprising user information and a plurality of telephone identifiers associated with the plurality of parties;
associating the event record with an event time;
requesting authorization from the user by instant message sent via a data network to initiate the call, based on a current time and the event time; and
initiating the call to the plurality of parties on behalf of the user using the plurality of telephone identifiers, based on an affirmative response to the authorization request from the user, the affirmative response sent by the user over the data network.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the calendar system is configured to update the event data.

8-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for connecting a caller and a plurality of ~~one or more~~ parties in a telephone network in a system comprising a data network and the telephone network, the apparatus comprising:

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a receiver for receiving via the data network event data associated with the caller,
a calendar system for storing event data comprising a plurality of telephone identifiers
~~information~~ for connecting with the plurality of one or more parties and a time period for
connecting;

a server for providing a first telephone number associated with the caller and ~~[[a]] the~~
plurality of second telephone identifiers ~~number associated with the one or more parties~~ to the
telephone network in order to establish a call connection between the first telephone number and
each of the plurality of second telephone identifiers ~~number~~; and

a transmitter for connecting the caller via the telephone network to the plurality of one or
~~more~~ parties based on the event data, wherein the transmitter determines that a current time is
within the time period for connecting, notifies the caller by instant message sent via the data
network that a connection is about to take place, receives confirmation from the caller via the
data network to initiate the connection to the one or more parties, determines based on the event
data the first telephone number and the plurality of second telephone identifiers ~~number~~, and
provides the first telephone number and the plurality of second telephone identifiers ~~number~~ to
the server in order to establish the call connection via the telephone network.

11-15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium comprising computer program
code to perform a method for connecting a call between a caller and a plurality of parties using
an electronic calendar system having a capacity to record, the method comprising:

establishing at least one event record corresponding to the call, the event record
comprising caller information and a plurality of telephone identifiers associated with the plurality
of parties;

associating the event record with an event time;

requesting authorization by instant message sent via the data network to initiate the call
from the caller, based on a current time and the event time; and

initiating the call to the plurality of parties on behalf of the caller using the plurality of
telephone identifiers, based on an affirmative response to the authorization request from the
caller, the affirmative response sent via the data network.

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17. (Canceled)

18. (New) A system including a data network and a telephone network for connecting a user and a plurality of parties, the system comprising:

means for establishing at least one event record corresponding to the call, the event record comprising user information and a plurality of telephone identifiers associated with the plurality of parties;

means for associating the event record with an event time;

means for requesting authorization from the user by instant message sent via a data network to initiate the call, based on a current time and the event time; and

means for initiating the call to the plurality of parties on behalf of the user using the plurality of telephone identifiers, based on an affirmative response to the authorization request from the user, the affirmative response sent by the user over the data network.

19. (New) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

sending the instant message to each of the plurality of parties.

20. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein the method further comprises:

sending the instant message to each of the plurality of parties.